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THE FOURTH AT PORTLAND.—The ninety-third anniversary of American Independence, which was celebrated in the city of Portland on Monday, the 5th, was a big thing. The announcement that the citizens of Portland would expend five thousand dollars in celebrating, and that a general invitation was extended to all to participate, brought out an immense crowd—by far the largest gathering we have ever seen on the coast. And when this crowd left Portland for their homes, they left their citizens better off financially, by at least one hundred thousand dollars. That's business. The business men of Portland understand themselves. The procession, which formed about 10 A. M. as programmed, was not an all-smashing affair, but was very creditable under the circumstances. The principal features of the procession were the Liberty Car, in which was seated a handsome young lady personating the Goddess of Liberty, surrounded by thirty-seven small girls representing the different States of the Union; the various fire companies of Portland, Oregon City and Vancouver, and the military. The procession reached the grounds about 12 o'clock, where, as previously announced, George Francis Train proceeded to orate. Of the oration we cannot judge, as we did not hear it. In fact the continual buzz, buzz of human voices, the creaking and rattle of moving vehicles, exploding fire-crackers, the shouting of men and boys, the constant shifting and changing from one point to another by the restless crowd of humanity present, aggregated a roar that would have drowned anything but the hoarse voice of a cannon, and we doubt whether any one present heard more than a portion of the speech. We suppose, however, the speech was eminently characteristic of George Francis Train. The celebration closed with a grand exhibition of fireworks in the evening. This brought out a larger crowd than the day's performances, acres upon acres of people being present. This part of the programme was a decided success. The principal piece, which was also the last, represented a train of cars, consisting of locomotive, tender, and passenger cars, of the O. C. R. R., running from arch to arch, a distance of eighty feet, on the top of which was the telegraph wire surmounted by the American eagle. The firing of this piece was accompanied by a flash of fire backward and forward upon the telegraph wire stretched across the entire ground, and produced a brilliant and thrilling effect. The celebration as a whole was a success.

DISTRICT SCHOOL.—The teacher of the District School of this city, Mr. Taylor, has furnished us with the names of those who excelled in the branches named below, during the quarter which ended July 1st, 1869:

1st Class in Orthography—1st division, Idilla Pennington; 2d division, Carrie Adams, Maggie Foster; 3d division, Ellen Ridout.

2d Class in Orthography—1st division, Monroe Smead; 2d division, Elijah Sparks, Joseph Nixon; 3d division, William Miller.

Class in Geography No. 4—Carrie Adams.

Class in Geography No. 3—Gallatin Taylor.

Class in Clark's First Lessons in Grammar—Edith Cowan.

Clark's Analytical Grammar—a class numbering twenty-five scholars—1st, Lizzie Smith; 2d, Idilla Pennington; 3d, Mary Kennedy; 4th, Emma Ketchum; 5th, Charles C. Pennington.

Term begins on Monday, the 12th inst.

FOUND DEAD.—One day during the present week, a man whose name we did not learn, died suddenly near Buena Vista, twelve miles below this city. He was in the field engaged in mowing, and as the dinner hour passed and he did not make his appearance, a party was sent to see what was the cause of delay. He was found lying flat on his face beside his scythe, dead.

FOURTH IN ALBANY.—Albany Fire Company deserves credit for getting up the largest celebration, in point of numbers, ever held in the 2th of July in Linn county. From all we can gather, we think the celebration generally fully met the expectations of all concerned, and good feeling and general enjoyment prevailed. The main feature in the procession was the car containing thirty-seven girls robed in white, to represent the different States. It was tastefully gotten up, and far excelled similar attempts in Salem and Portland. Nine boys, on horseback, representing the Territories, followed the car. The fire engine was decorated and brushed up till it shone like a new dollar. With the exception of the premature discharge of an anvil, severely burning two men, the day passed off very pleasantly.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN.—On last Saturday night, in the city of Portland, we enjoyed the pleasure of listening to the gentleman whose name heads this article. Train is an oddity. He is like no other man we ever heard talk. He mixes up with his nonsense many good ideas. Judging from the one speech, we should think his style of oratory and the ideas advanced are not calculated to produce any lasting or beneficial effect. We have been informed that he intends visiting Salem at an early day, and those who have not heard him will then have an opportunity. We hope that he can be induced to visit Albany and give the people of our city and county a chance to hear him talk.

STATE FAIR.—It is announced that Vice President Colfax and several other notabilities of the East contemplate visiting this coast during the summer and fall, and we suggest to the officers of our State Fair that it might prove beneficial, in several ways, if they could procure the services of one of them to deliver the oration on that occasion. If it were announced, for instance, that Vice President Colfax would deliver the oration on that occasion, probably from five to ten thousand more people would be induced to attend the Fair than otherwise would attend. This is merely a suggestion, and we think it a good one. Ponder onto it.

GRAIN MARKET.—Says the *Unionist*: In all the grain growing sections of the United States, the farmers are looking forward to the opening of the fall trade and the prospective rise in the value of breadstuffs, with a lively interest. From present indications we are led to believe that the United States will be called upon for the next fifteen months, to supply England with the great bulk of cereals, which that nation is annually obliged to draw from foreign countries. Farmers in the United States, have recently heard with great satisfaction that Russia has entered the German grain markets as a purchaser. An eastern journal, commenting on this fact says: Heretofore Russia has been a large exporter of grain, furnished England with more than all other sources combined. But for the past two years it seems that a great change has taken place. Last year Russia imported grain, and this year she is doing the same thing. It does not appear that this transformation of Russia from a seller into a buyer is the result of a diminished yield in proportion to the area sown, but rather to the fact that less grain has been put in. This condition of things is attributed to the emancipation of the serfs, who, now that they are independent, raise barley enough to supply their own wants, while the great estates are no longer worked. The consequence is that provinces which formerly exported largely have, of late, been obliged to import. Under these circumstances we may anticipate an advance in the American markets. England, being cut off from her main source of supply will be under the necessity of coming to us. There is no reason to suppose that the present season will change the aspect of the case materially, and our farmers may expect a ready market for the growing crop, abundant as it bids fair to be, at good prices.

The rain-fall of Thursday night "laid" the dust slightly.

Adventure with a Grizzly.

"A hunter who was some years ago guiding a company of emigrants to California, started ahead one afternoon to look for a lodging place for the night. After a while he got off his horse and sat down to rest himself, and to eat a little roast venison. While eating, he saw some wild goats on top of a hill. He took his gun and got as near them as he could without being seen, and was just about firing when he heard a terrible snort behind him. He instantly turned, and beheld the largest bear he had ever seen in his life, not more than sixty paces off. It was a big grizzly, and had not yet seen the hunter, who hastened to hide himself where he could get a good shot without being seen.

Soon the bear saw the hunter's red blanket, which he had hung on a stick when he was trying to shoot goats. The bear came near it and stood up on his hind-legs. Then the hunter fired his rifle at the bear, but unfortunately hit it only in the shoulder. The bear became very angry, bellowed loudly and rushed toward the place where the hunter was hidden, which was just behind the red blanket. The man instantly dropped his rifle, and seized his great hunting knife in one hand and took the red blanket in the other, and as soon as the bear came within reach, he threw the blanket over his head, and then made a dash for his horse, which was some distance off.

After running a little way, he looked behind, and as the bear was not following, he stopped. What he saw made him laugh heartily. The bear had got his head through a hole in the blanket. It stood upon its hind-legs, and the blanket dropped all around it like a cloak. Then it tried to run after the man, but the blanket caught in its feet and tripped it and made it roll over, when it roared like a mad buffalo. The hunter soon came to his horse, got on his back and rode to the spot where his gun was lying. He picked it up and loaded it, and went to the place where the bear was still tumbling and struggling in the blanket. This time he took better aim, and soon had a bullet in the bear's brain. His blanket was torn in pieces by the efforts of the bear to get loose; but who would not lose a blanket in order to save his life?"

ALL A "SITTING."—Old farmer Gruff was one morning tugging away with all his might and main at a barrel of apples, which he was endeavoring to get up the cellar stairs, and calling at the top of his voice for one of the boys to lend him a helping hand, but in vain. When he had, after an infinite amount of sweating, accomplished the task, and just when they were not needed, of course, the boys made their appearance.

"Where have you been and what have you been about, I'd like to know; couldn't you hear me call?" inquired the farmer, in an angry tone, addressing the eldest.

"Out in the shop settin' the saw," replied the youth.

"And you, Dick?"

"Out in the barn, settin' the hen."

"And you, sir?"

"Up in granny's room, settin' the clock."

"And you, young man?"

"Up garrit, settin' the trap."

"And now, Master Fred, where were you settin'?" asked the old farmer of his youngest progeny, the asperity of his temper somewhat softened by this amusing catalogue of answers. "Come, let's hear?"

"On the doorstep, settin' still," replied the young hopeful, seriously.

"A remarkable set, I must confess," added the amused sire, dispersing the grinning group with a wave of his hand.

A DUTCHMAN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.—I pese, a pachelor mit a frow unt more as a tozzen children. Two udder frows vot I got living pese ted. My age is about fifty, thirty, eleven, sixteen, somewhere along der, vich accounts for my having plue eyes unt pig feet. I dakes lager beer mit mine coffee, unt goes to church 'cept it pe Soonty, ven I sthays to home in a peer garden. I never swears py tam, unt I always did. I goes out walking every afternoon before breakfast mit a horse unt puggy, and am sick aped all de vile mit good health. I pese a great polidishun. At de last north of July I voted six dime for der Pacific Railroad for president. Ven I gets married I vants everybody to gomb to der funeral. No cards. Dats de gind of a man I pese.

WORK RESUMED.—Work on the Eastside Railroad has been resumed, and will be pushed with vigor. We were informed while in Portland, that a dock would be built by Ben. Holladay, just below the gas works, on the east bank of the Willamette river, for the reception of the iron, &c., which was then due in San Francisco, and would soon arrive in Portland. The rail procured is what is termed 56-pound rail (weighing 56 pounds to the yard), and is of English manufacture. We believe that this will be 60 pounds to the rail heavier than is called for by the contract, and will make all the better road. We were assured that the intention of the contractors was to complete and equip the road, as far as at least as Dutchtown, as rapidly as possible, so that next Christmas may see the iron horse making regular trips between Portland and Dutchtown. Speed the good time coming when one may take the cars at Albany in the morning, go to Portland, transact his business and return to his home for tea.

ALMOST A FIRE.—While heating a kettle of tar, on Monday last, in the harness and saddle shop of Thompson & Irvin, on First street, the stove fell or was knocked over, and the tar being spilt over the floor around the stove, caught fire. Fortunately, by the greatest exertions and coolness of those present, the fire was extinguished before a great amount of damage was done. However, the fire boys were out with their engine ready in case of need.

The Laws of Life say: "More quarrels arise between brothers, between sisters, between hired girls, between clerks in stores, between apprentices in mechanic shops, between hired men, between husbands and wives, owing to electrical changes through which their nervous systems go by lodging together night after night under the same bed clothes, than by almost any other disturbing cause. There is nothing that will so derange the nervous system of a person who is eliminative in nervous force, as to lie all night in bed with another person who is absorbent in nervous force. The absorbent will go to sleep and rest all night while the eliminative will be tumbling and tossing, restless and nervous, and wake up in the morning fretful, peevish, fault finding and discouraged. No two persons, no matter who they are, should habitually sleep together. One will thrive and the other will lose. This is the law, and in married life it is defied almost universally."

The *Odessa Gazette* announces that the railway between Kiev and Odessa will be opened on August 1. The transfer of the Russian capital to the former city will acquire, by the opening of this railway, a great political importance. Odessa is connected by steamers with Constantinople and the prospective capital of the Czar will thus be brought within a few days' journey of that of the Sultan.

SIDEWALKS.—Deputy Marshal S. S. Markham gives notice that all sidewalks within the city limits, that are not repaired and made to conform to late ordinance, within one week from date, will be done by the City Marshal at the cost of the property holders.

Josh Billings welcomes spring as follows: "Spring came this year as much as usual, hail butuous virgin, 5000 years old and upwards, hale and hearty old gal, welcome tow York State and parts adjacent. Now the birds jaw, now the cattle holler, now the pigs skream, now the geese warble, now the cats sigh, and nature is frisky; the virtuous bed-bug and the sobby cockroach are singing Yankee Doodle and 'coming thru the rhi.' Now may be seen the musketeer that gray outlined critter ov destiny, solitary and alone, examining his last year's bill, and now may be heard, with the naked ear, the horse shanghigh in the barnyard."

A Hannibal (Mo) merchant advertises for a burglar. He has broken the key of his safe and he cannot get at the valuables.

WEATHER.—Has been variable during the week—hot and cool, alternately—but the dust has shown no variability or shadow of change. Awful dusty, it is.

THE RIGHT HAND.—Are we "right-handed" as the result of education or for some other reason? A writer in *Once a Week* thinks nature dictates the habit. He says:

Its universality goes far to prove that it is instinctive; for among existing nations none seem to be gifted as were the Benjamites of old. The left arm is the weaker, but whether naturally or only from disuse remains to be ascertained. It would appear that the difference of strength extends to the organs of locomotion. When we meet an obstacle in walking, it is easier to turn to the right than to the left, as if the right leg had the most power and freedom of motion; and it is said that if a man loses himself on a plain, without any guide or landmarks, he will, in his efforts to go straightwards, invariably bear to the left, the dexter limb imperceptibly taking longer strides. Even a left-handed man uses his right manual for many purposes; and a right-handed mortal has to train hard to become ambidexterous. Only one suggestion can we afford to account for the general right-handedness; it is that nature has designedly kept the working arm away from the heart, that the violent actions of one may affect as little as possible the delicate functions of the other.

COSMOPOLITAN.—The Cosmopolitan Hotel, under the management of Messrs. Sewall & Sprenger, is a popular institution, and of course is doing a rushing business. Two more accommodating and gentlemanly landlords are not to be found on the coast. The house is well furnished and kept clean and tidy, and the table supplied with the best to be obtained for money. After stopping at the Cosmopolitan, you won't wonder at its popularity. The proprietors are contemplating more new improvements, that will still further add to the comfort of guests.

POISONED.—Intelligence was brought to this city that Mrs. Jas. Wheeler, living in Polk county, about twelve miles from this city, died on Wednesday last from the effects of strychnine, supposed to have been administered by herself. No cause assigned for the act. Mrs. Wheeler was about 30 years of age, had a comfortable home, and was surrounded by a large family of children.

CAMPMEETING.—The campmeeting held near Lebanon, came to a close on the 5th, after a session of ten days. The meeting was productive of much good, renewing and awakening a new zeal and interest in the cause of religion generally. It is said to have been one of the most interesting and happy meetings, especially the closing exercises that ever transpired in Linn county. Twenty-five persons experienced religion, and eighteen were added to the church.

RECOVERING.—The two persons, Wm. Rankin and Chas. Brotherhead, who were so severely burned by the premature discharge of an anvil on the 2d inst., were reported as doing well on yesterday. Brotherhead was badly burned about the face, but it is now thought that he will not lose his eye-sight.

PAYING THE NATIONAL DEBT.—At a meeting of the labor reform agitators, held at Farmington, Mass., on the 4th, resolutions were adopted denouncing the Republican party of the Massachusetts Legislature, and favoring the immediate payment of the national debt by assessment.

The officers sent to the scene of the troubles in Lincoln county, Kentucky, report that Hooch and his band of villains are a terror to law abiding people, committing every species of outrage. If all the reports be true, that part of the State is in a terrible condition.

WESTERN HOTEL.—Saml. Smith and Maj. Geo. B. Cook have taken the Western Hotel in hand, are refitting, cleaning and putting it in thorough repair, and will keep a first-class house hereafter. You bet they know how to keep a good house.

The 4th was celebrated in New York city on Monday in an appropriate manner, by parades, etc., during the day, and fireworks in the evening. During the day and evening, twenty-one fires occurred in New York, and nineteen in Brooklyn.

Paper cuffs—Newspaper attacks.

Telegraphic Summary.

MEMPHIS, July 4.—The Republican Convention to night split again; two sets of Legislative candidates nominated. No prospect of harmonizing the factions. The speeches were very bitter.

St. Louis, July 4.—John McFaul, County Marshal, was cowhided on the street by a woman.

To-day is the warmest of the season, 98° in the shade; one death from sun stroke.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The President will submit to the Attorney General the question of the legality of General Canby's requirements that the members elect of the Virginia Legislature must take an iron clad oath in order that uniformity may prevail in reorganizing the unreconstructed States under the reconstruction laws.

Instructions to Minister Sickles were drawn up at the department of State with much precaution, and soon after delivered to him under such circumstances as to prevent premature disclosure of contents, but it has since transpired in official circles that it is safe to assert that there is no instruction relative to Cuba.

Gen. Van Wick left for New York to-night, having just returned from Virginia. He reports the contest in that State to be excited and bitter. The Constitution without the test oath and disfranchising clause will be adopted. The vote for Governor will be very heavy and close.

"KINGS EXCUSE."—Six days' absence from the office, and a general feeling of goneritiveness, accounts for a half-sheet this whiz.

HARVEST.—Our farmers are making preparations to commence cutting their wheat. Some fields look as though they were ripe enough to take the sickle now.

INSANE HOSPITAL.—The board to locate the Northern Illinois Insane Hospital, have decided in favor of Elgin.

Small pox has made its appearance at Ft. Benton, on headwaters of the Missouri river.

San Francisco Markets.
Flour—In fair demand, principally for local consumption.

Wheat—Good old, \$1 35; choice, \$1 60; we quote the range at \$1 55@1 62.

Barley—Old feed, \$1 05@1 10; range from \$1@1 15.

Oats—Jobbing demand active at \$1 31@1 65; Oregon, \$1 60@1 70.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

Note for dull people—B sharp. Cries from the deep—fish-balls.

How to make a clean sweep—wash him.

A blunder-buss—kiss the strong girl. Dangerous associates—Those who are dressed to kill.

The life preservers oftencet used in the battle-field—legs.

When was the most beef-tea made?—When Henry the Eighth dissolved the Pope's bull.

An unsuccessful lover was asked by what means he lost his intended. "Alas," he cried, "I flattered her until 'she' got too proud to speak to me."

The most steadfast followers of our fortune—Our creditors.

It is said that blood tells. This explains, we suppose, why "murder will out."

The milkmen's song—"Shall we gather at the river?"

A table of interest—The dinner table.

MORE TAPE WORM THAN GIRL.—A St. Joseph paper says a little girl in that city, only three years of age, has had two hundred and fifty feet of tape worm taken from her in the course of a week.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all sidewalks within the city of Albany that are not repaired and made to conform to the city laws, within one week from date, will be done at the expense of the property holders by the Marshal of the city of Albany, S. S. Markham, Esq., Albany, July 9, 1869. Deputy Marshal.

J. P. Fisher